

OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT

The objective of this event is to inform the Albanian scientific and business communities about the opportunities offered by the recently signed association of Albania to the Seventh EC Research and Technological Development Framework Programme (FP7), and to encourage dialogue, identify potentially interested partners and pave the way for further collaboration within the Research Framework Programmes.

Representatives from the European Commission's Directorate General for Research will provide information, examples of specific work programmes as well as explain practical aspects of participation in FP7 calls.

The Joint Research Centre (JRC), which provides scientific and technological support for the EU policy-making process, will present its activities in areas of priority for Albania, such as environment, food and metrology.

COST is one of the longest-running European instruments supporting cooperation among scientists and researchers across Europe. COST is also the first and widest European intergovernmental network for coordination of nationally funded research activities.

The participation of high representatives from the European Commission and the Albanian Government, make this event a unique opportunity to discuss the role of the Research policy for the integration of Albania in EU.

Programme

10.30 – 11.10 *Registration and welcome coffee*

11.10 – 12.30 **Opening Session**

Moderator: Adiana Gjonaj, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Education and Science

Sali Berisha, Albanian Prime Minister

Genc Pollo, Minister of Education and Science

Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research

Majlinda Bregu, Minister of Integration

12.30 – 13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30 – 14.50 **General Session**

Moderator: Gjergji Gjinko, Head of Cabinet of the Ministry of Education and Science

[Seventh EC Research Framework Programme: what is in it for Albanian researchers and research organisations.](#) *Tania Friederichs*, DG Research

[Opportunities offered by the Joint Research Centre to the Albanian research community.](#) *Giancarlo Caratti*, Joint Research Centre

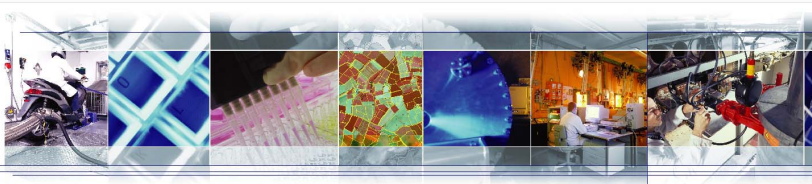
[Promoting access of Albanian scientists to research networks in Europe.](#) *John Bartzis*, Vice President COST

[European policies and activities for researchers.](#) *Stefania Bettini*, Expert in European policies for researchers

14.50 - 15.20 **Scientific and Technical Session**

Moderator: Giancarlo Caratti, Joint Research Centre

Metrology in Chemistry, Philip Taylor, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, Joint Research Centre



- [Metrology activities in Albania, Myrvete Pazaj](#), Director, General Directorate of Metrology
- 15.20 - 15.50** Coffee Break
- 15.50 - 17.20** **Scientific and Technical Session (continued)**
- [ICT Research, Cindy Van Den Boogert](#), DG Information Society and Media
- [Information Society in Albania, the Recent Developments, Pjerin Marku](#)
- [Health, Joana Namorado](#), DG Research
- [Environment, Arwyn Jones](#), Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Joint Research Centre
- [Balkan Agrifood Network, Fatos Harizaj](#)
- 17.20 – 18.00** **Practical Issues**
- Moderator: Giancarlo Caratti, Joint Research Centre*
- [Practical Aspects of Participation in FP7, Tania Friederichs](#), DG Research
- [Presentation of the Albanian National FP7 activities, Gjergji Gjinko](#), FP7 National Coordinator and Head of Cabinet of the Ministry for Education and Science
- Questions and Answers
- 18.00** Closing

Information on FP7: <http://www.cordis.lu>
Information on the JRC <http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu>
Information on COST: <http://cost.esf.org>

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